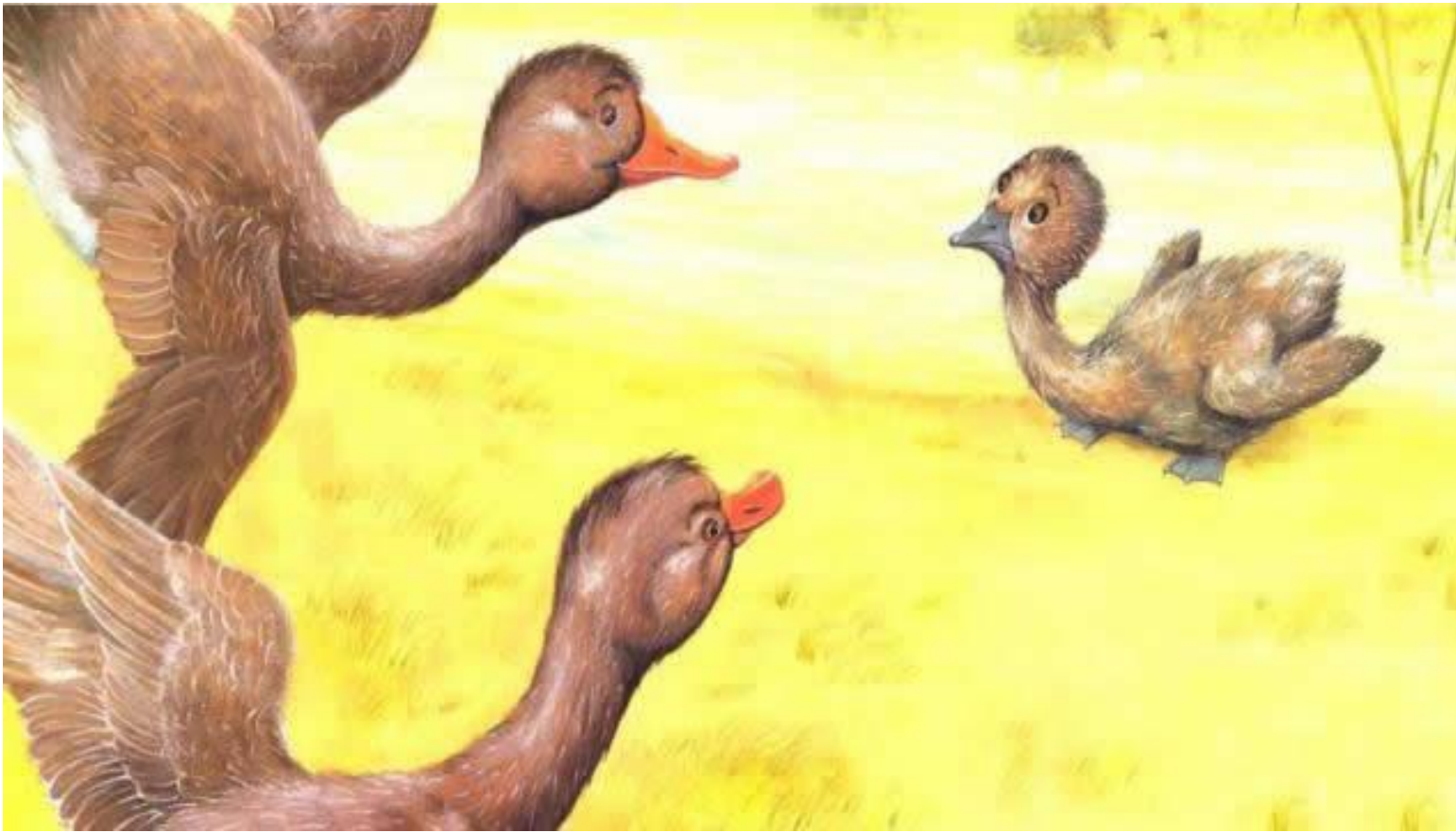
The Ugly Duckling

One day, a strange bird hatched from a big egg. It was not bright yellow and pretty like the ducklings. It was dark gray and ugly. But the mother duck loved it.

Other ducks did not like the ugly duckling. She was very sad.



She went to a swamp and met two geese. The geese both said "You are very ugly". She was very sad.

She went to a barn and met a cat and a chicken. The cat and chicken both said "You are very ugly". She was very sad.

She went to a lake and saw beautiful swans. She wanted to be beautiful like them.

Soon, winter came and the ugly duckling almost froze to death. A kind man found the bird and brought her home.

Spring came and the ugly duckling had grown and become a beautiful swan.

She flew to the lake and joined the other swans . She was very happy now.